

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**BROXTOWE AND BELLS LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PILOT – INTERVENTIONS/BUDGET SPEND**

**1. SUMMARY**

At the West Area Committee on 15 November 2006 a report on the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) Governance and Finance Framework was agreed. It was resolved that the committee's role and responsibility as 'Delegated Authority' for the SSCF be noted. A list of Interventions and budget spend agreed under the delegated authority is attached at Appendix 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee note that since the last meeting of the Area Committee on 10 January when schemes totalling £113,730 were reported as allocated, a further £76,992 has now been approved by the Broxtowe and Bells Lane Local Implementation group under agreed delegated powers.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Priority Neighbourhoods have been identified in Bulwell, Bestwood, Broxtowe and Bells Lane, St Ann's and Sneinton to receive funding allocated by the SSCF of the Local Area Agreement. There is a further priority neighbourhood for Arboretum which is supported by the New Deal for Communities area, NDC.
- 3.2** The delegated powers previously agreed state that where an urgent decision is required that the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition member (if relevant) have delegated authority to make decisions in consultation with a Community representative.
- 3.3** As the West Area Committee only meets every two months, it was held to be necessary to use delegated authority to ensure that the budget is spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. A meeting that invited all required to make a delegated decision was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 and the schemes listed at Appendix 1 were agreed.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Broxtowe and Bells Lane LIG has a budget of £271,893 for year 1, which must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. The original allocation of funds for 2006/07 was as follows:-

	£
Project Management	92,527
Leverage	179,366
	271,893

There is a projected underspend on project management in 2006/07 of £11,356. To ensure all Priority Neighbourhood monies are spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 (in accordance with grant rules), the underspend has been re-allocated to leverage.

The revised leverage budget for 2006/07 is £190,722 (see Appendix 1).

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The LIG has approved projects to the total value of the leverage for 2006/07. Assuming all projects are delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 the spend will maximise the use of the Priority Neighbourhood grant.

**7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

An equalities impact assessment will be conducted as part of the monitoring process for this programme.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

None

**9. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

- **Ensuring Local Involvement in decision making**
- **Making Nottingham a safer city**
- **Creating a more attractive place to live and work**

**10. CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS**

None

**11. VALUE FOR MONEY**

None

**12. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION.**

None

**13. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

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Broxtowe & Bells Lane Neighbourhood Management Pilot  
Final spend for 2006 / 2007

	To be agreed 06/07	LIG Approval
<p><b><u>Liveability</u></b></p> <p>LAA Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the quality of the local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst neighbourhoods /wards and the district as a whole with a particular focus on litter and detritus.</li> <li>• To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces</li> </ul> <p>Local Community Plan Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people satisfied with the condition of parks and green spaces</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project 7 – Additional/improved lighting for the Westleigh Road entrance of Broxtowe Country Park.</u></b></p> <p>This funding will involve upgrading the lighting to the entrance and walkway of the Westleigh Road entrance to Broxtowe Country Park and the Phoenix Adventure Playground.</p> <p>It would also play a part in the bigger plan to improve the entrance - new gates, speed restrictors, improved tarmac etc.</p> <p>The additional/improved lighting would make the park more welcoming for people to use and hopefully will increase usage of the Park by the local community. The lighting will also allow children and young people to visit and engage with the Phoenix Adventure Playground in a safer friendlier environment.</p> <p>By increasing usage of the park and the playground and in turn increasing community ownership it should also impact on the litter, fly tipping, ASB in the area.</p> <p><b><u>Project 8 – Noticeboards, Tables/seating</u></b></p> <p>This project will include the purchase and installation of a strategically placed noticeboard and 4 x activity tables.</p> <p>The noticeboard will inform local residents of community information and public services and will be situated within the Bells Lane community Centre complex at the pedestrian entrance to Rosslyn Park School for maximum effect to parents, visitors children and local residents.</p> <p>Two board tables/seats to be placed at the front doors of the centre</p>	<p>£7,500</p> <p>£2,742</p>	<p>Approved 18.01.07</p> <p>Approved 18.01.07</p>

<p>and staffed at strategic times for consultation purposes with young people with board games.</p> <p>Two other tables and seats to be placed at the entrance to the Amesbury project to encourage parents/carers to bring children to play and exercise within the project area. As this would be the only public entrance this too would create safety barriers for children accessing the project.</p> <p><b><u>Project 9 – Sports training for local residents</u></b></p> <p>This project would provide a revenue budget to train local residents and young people in community sports leadership, coaching and refereeing.</p> <p>Due to the Amesbury Project, there is a great demand from youngsters wanting to use the facilities which can not be met due to lack of trained personnel. Cinderhill Community Association holds a budget for this and next financial year for salaries, but none to look at the long-term sustainability of the project by empowering local residents.</p> <p>The 10 week training courses could lead to first step in capacity building and employment in providing sports skills.</p> <p><b><u>Project 10 – Front garden Clean Up</u></b></p> <p>This project would allow Bells Lane to be used as a mini pilot area to give a baseline start for public services in our area. This project would blitz all front gardens requiring, gardening, clearance etc. It is estimated that approximately 10% of the gardens in this area require some work to get them to an acceptable standard level.</p> <p>This project also combines with a ‘sign up’ from the tenant or resident once work has been completed to continue to maintain the area and it would give NCH and NCC a ‘carrot and stick’ approach to improving the general appearance of the pilot area.</p> <p>This project also compliments the work of the NEAT team.</p>	<p>06/07 - £1,900 07/08 - £1,500 08/09 - £1,500</p> <p>£3,000</p>	<p>18.01.07. LIG agreed to fund 06/07 &amp; 07/08</p> <p>Not approved 18.01.07</p>
<p><b><u>Crime</u></b></p> <p>LAA Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce overall crime in line with local CDP targets and narrow the gap between the worst performing wards/neighbourhoods and other areas across the district.</li> </ul> <p>Local Community Plan Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce overall crime</li> <li>To reduce the fear of crime</li> <li>Increase number of homes where security has been</li> </ul>		

<p>improved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase number of community Safety initiatives in the area</li> <li>• Increase the number of 'hotspot' tasking patrols/initiatives</li> <li>• To reduce car crime through positive actions and partnership working</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project 12 – Fire Service</u></b></p> <p>This project will involve identified young people from the Broxtowe and Bells Lane estates visiting Stockhill Fire Station and working with the Fire Service, Police, Ambulance Service and Road Safety Team. The young people will witness various scenarios of accidents and activities including: car extrication, a DVD, interactive role play with actors playing the role of injured parties and a talk from the Police.</p> <p><b><u>Project 13 – Community Safety &amp; Target Hardening Package</u></b></p> <p>This project will be delivered to the community through partnership working between the CDP, the Police, and Neighbourhood Management.</p> <p>It will help to address the high levels of burglary/dwelling house burglary taking place on the Broxtowe and Bells Lane estates.</p> <p>The package will allow us to target the most effected parts of the pilot area and the most venerable groups.</p> <p>The package will also allow us to address the fear of crime on the estate.</p>	<p>£600</p> <p>£64,250</p>	<p>Approved 18.01.07</p> <p>Approved 18.01.07</p>
<p><b><u>2006/07</u></b></p> <p>Previously approved</p> <p>Approvals contained within this report</p> <p>Total Leverage Approved</p> <p>Leverage Budget</p> <p>Leverage available</p>	<p>£113,730</p> <p>£76,992</p> <p>£190,722</p> <p>£190,722</p> <p>£0</p>	